



# Hazardous Waste Planning Fee - 1999

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**T**he purpose of this Fact Sheet is to provide businesses and governmental agencies assessed the 1999 Hazardous Waste Planning Fee with the details on who pays the fee, how the fee is assessed, and who they may contact for additional information.

## What is the Hazardous Waste Planning Fee?

The Hazardous Waste Reduction Act requires hazardous waste generators and hazardous substance users to prepare pollution prevention plans for the reduction of hazardous wastes and substances. The Act requires facilities to pay an annual fee to support implementation of the planning requirements. Ecology adopted a fee schedule under Chapter 173-305 WAC.

## Where does the money go?

Ecology uses the funds from the planning fee to provide assistance to facilities preparing pollution prevention plans. We help facilities find ways to avoid or reduce hazardous substance use and hazardous waste generation. Many facilities report increased worker safety, reduced compliance and liability costs, and cost savings from reduced chemical use and waste disposal after going through the planning process and implementing their plans.

## Who pays the fee?

Ecology collects the planning fee from any facility that generates more than 2,640 pounds of recurrent hazardous waste annually or reports toxic releases according to Federal Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know requirements. There are limited exemptions for planning and fee requirements. Ecology verifies a facility's status as a fee payer by reviewing the information submitted on the 1997 Dangerous Waste Annual Report and/or the 1997 Form R, Toxics Release Inventory Report.

## When is the fee due?

Facilities must pay the fee by **July 1, 1999**. We have enclosed a return envelope to help make payment easier. Make sure to enclose the billing statement with your payment. Ecology's address is printed on the billing statement. The address must be visible in the envelope window.

## What happens if I pay late?

Ecology can charge interest on the amount of the fee according to RCW 43.17.240.

## How is my fee calculated?

Chapter 173-305 WAC outlines the formula used to calculate the planning fee. The formula considers the pounds of hazardous waste generated and reported on the 1997 Dangerous Waste Report. For fee calculation purposes, the only type of hazardous waste that is counted is recurrent manifested waste, less recycling credits. Other waste types are **not** counted.

These include:

- ✓ waste recycled on-site
- ✓ exempt waste, including antifreeze (W002)
- ✓ treatment by generator
- ✓ permit by rule, and
- ✓ non-recurrent wastes.

Fee calculation also considers the pounds of on-site toxic releases, if any, reported on the 1997 Form R.

In 1999, the fee cannot exceed \$12,244 for any individual facility or an interrelated facility preparing a single plan. The total for all facilities cannot exceed \$1,224,400 in 1999. The fee for each individual facility is calculated based upon a statewide rate per pound.

The statewide rate per pound is calculated in two steps:

**Step 1:** Total pounds of extremely hazardous waste **multiplied by** 10;

**plus** the total pounds of dangerous waste;

**plus** the total pounds of toxic releases;

**equals** the total pounds reported by all facilities.

**Step 2:** Total pounds from Step 1;

**divided by** \$1,224,400;

**equals** the rate per pound for 1999.

The formula for an individual facility using the statewide rate is:

Total pounds of extremely hazardous waste **multiplied by** 10;

**plus** the total pounds of dangerous waste;

**plus** the total pounds of toxic releases;

**multiplied by** the rate per pound;

**equals** the fee due from each individual facility.

The rate per pound for 1999 is 0.054.

## May I appeal the amount of the fee?

Yes. You must call Ecology at (360) 407-6733 **before** July 1, 1999. We will review the information used to calculate your fee.

## Where should I send the payment?

Mail the payment along with the billing notice to the Department of Ecology, P O Box 5128, Lacey, WA 98509-5128. Use the enclosed return envelope and be sure the Ecology address is visible in the envelope window.

## Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Call Ecology at (360) 407-6733 with your questions about the planning law, the planning fee or fee calculation.

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